



**Volunteer Center**  
South Bay/Harbor/Long Beach

# **The Volunteer Center 2024 Heart to Heart Gala**

## **Auction Presentation**

**Friday, April 27, 2024  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

# Heart to Heart Gala Auction Guidelines

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### General Rules and Information:

- The Silent Auction opens promptly at 6:00 pm.
- Operation Teddy Bear closes at 7:20 pm, Food For Kids Section closes at 7:25 pm, Impact Makers Section closes at 7:30 pm.
- The Live Auction will begin immediately following the event's program.
- Auction items will be available for pick-up at 9:15 pm.

Please read certificates for complete details. All sales are final. There will be no exchanges, extensions, refunds, or substitutions either by the donor or the Volunteer Center. Values are the donor's estimated retail value. Payment by the successful bidder must be made prior to the bidder's departure. **Payment is by cash, check, and accepted credit cards only.** State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax must be paid by the purchaser where applicable. All meal certificates exclude taxes, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages, unless otherwise indicated, and must be used at one time. No warranties are made with respect to the value or quality of merchandise or services auctioned, and all sales are "as is." All sales are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash, unless otherwise specified. Unless otherwise specified, all gift certificates must be used within one year from April 28, 2023, or forfeited. Purchasers should contact the donor as specified on the certificate. Dates and times must be cleared with donors. Reservations for restaurants, resorts, airlines, sporting events, and hotels are required, and are subject to availability. All auction items must be removed from the Tuscany Room by 10:30 PM on April 28, 2023. Items may be removed only by presenting a "paid" receipt. In the event of a dispute, auction officials shall act as the final authority and determine the winning bidder. The Volunteer Center reserves the right to add or delete any item from the auction list at any time.

### Silent Auction Rules:

1. All bids must have bidder name and table number legibly printed on the bid sheet. After your name and bid amount are written on a bid sheet, they may not be removed or changed.
2. All items have minimum bids noted on the corresponding bid sheet. If a minimum bid is not met, the item remains the property of the Volunteer Center.
3. All bids must adhere to the minimum increments as noted on each auction description.
4. Items will be awarded to the last, highest bidder.

# Heart to Heart Gala Live Auction

## 1 Private Wine Class for 20 at Total Wine & More

Treat your friends, family, and fellow wine lovers to a private wine class for up to 20 people in the classroom of our store. Total Wine & More will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Enjoy a tour of the land and learn about the famed appellations and grape varietals that make each region so unforgettable. Taste a variety of our premium, hand-selected wines, and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of your choosing. One of our wine experts will present and discuss each delicious wine during your two-hour class, which can be arranged as a seated class-style or more casual walk-around event. Total Wine & More will provide all necessary stemware and educational handouts for tasting notes. Expires 2/21/2025.

*Donated by: Total Wines & More – Redondo Beach*

**Value: \$600.00**

**Opening Bid: \$400.00**

## 2 “Date Night at the Opera” – 2 Founder’s Circle Opera Tickets to Madame Butterfly and Dinner

It’s a date! Enjoy a special evening at the majestic Dorothy Chandler Pavilion – one of the three largest performing arts venues in the country – in the Founder’s Section, which are some of the best seats in the house. You will experience a performance of Madame Butterfly on a mutually agreed upon date between **September 21 and October 13, 2024**. This stunning Mario Gas staging of “Madame Butterfly” was previously presented in Madrid. James Conlon, “the most accomplished music director currently working on the podium of an American opera house” (Opera News), opens the season conducting Giacomo Puccini’s poignant and unforgettable score. Use this gift card (\$100) to dine at Flemings Steak House nearby.

*Donated by: The Los Angeles Opera  
Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$600.00**

**Opening Bid: \$400.00**

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## 3 Private Dinner & Wine Pairing for 10 Guests Featuring Amazing Wines from the Central Coast

Here's your chance to enjoy friends, wine, dinner, and conversations about wine. You and nine of your friends will participate in a private wine pairing dinner at your home. You will enjoy a sumptuous six course dinner paired with six flights of wine. The featured wines are all from Paso Robles, including the award-winning wines of Chateau Robles. While you're planning your guest list, sample these bottles of Chateau Robles Wine, one Sauvignon Blanc, and one Cabernet Sauvignon. The event date will be mutually agreed upon. The location must be in the South Bay. The winner should contact Shari Sunada at [ChateauRobles@gmail.com](mailto:ChateauRobles@gmail.com)  
Expires 5/1/2025.

*Donated by: Craig & Shari Sunada of Chateau Robles Vineyard – Paso Robles  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$2,500.00**

**Opening Bid: \$1,500.00**

## 4 Kings for A Day – Four Premier Seats to a 2024-2025 Season Los Angeles Kings Game and Dinner at Yard House

Don't miss your chance to watch the Los Angeles Kings up close and personally during the 2025 Hockey Season. You and three friends will have premier seats in Crypto Arena. Before or after the game, use this gift card (\$100) to enjoy a great meal around the corner at The Yard House & Wine Bar in LA Live. Parking is included!

Tickets are for the 2024-2025 Season only, on a mutually agreed-upon date.

*Donated by: Paula & Pluria Marshall  
Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$650.00**

**Opening Bid: \$400.00**

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## 5 Seven Nights Stay in Kaanapali, Hawaii for up to Six Guests

Enjoy a seven-night's stay at the beautiful remodeled two-bedroom, two-bath condominium at the Aston Papakea Resort on the Kaanapali Coast in Maui.

Nestled along the pristine Kaanapali coast of Maui, The Resort at Papakea sprawls across 13 acres of lush tropical landscapes, offering a breathtaking panorama of the expansive ocean.

Located at Papakea Resort, unit K305 is on the third floor featuring stunning ocean views, a split AC system, a luxurious master bathroom and beautifully remodeled modern kitchen! This two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium comfortably sleeps 4 guests, but can sleep up to six.

Walk in and experience Maui luxury at its finest! With a private lanai, you'll be able to enjoy incredible views and even spot some whales breaching during the winter months. And, with its superior location within the resort, you'll enjoy the views without having to deal with the afternoon heat!

Papakea Resort offers lush tropical landscaping, koi ponds, two saltwater pools, spas, shuffleboard, putting greens, tennis and pickleball courts and much more! It is located just North of the famous Ka'aanapli Beach. Just walking distance from the resort are many shops, restaurants, and a grocery store. It is a quick drive to Whalers Village and many of Maui's top beaches.

Mutually agreed upon dates. ***Blackout dates are the last 2 weeks of December 2024, the week before Easter 2025 and the week after Easter 2025.*** Papakea charges a \$17/day facility fee. The fee includes a parking permit, Wi-Fi throughout the resort, cable, and local calls during your stay. Additional vehicles are \$5 a day. These fees are the winner's responsibility and are collected by the Front Desk upon arrival. Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: Brad Baker  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$2,800.00**

**Opening Bid: \$1,500.00**

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## 6 “Soaring Over California” – Custom Private Plane Ride Over Los Angeles

Soar over California with Gary Palmer, FAA Certified Flight Instructor. In a well-equipped and fully certified Cessna Skyhawk 172 high-wing airplane with noise canceling headphones view the iconic sights of LA.

From Torrance airport view the USS Iowa, Queen Mary, Long Beach airport, beautiful Chino Hills, fly around downtown LA almost level with the tallest buildings, to Dodger Stadium, the courthouse, Bitcoin Center, Disney Music hall, Griffith Observatory the Hollywood sign, Hollywood Hills, Greek Theater, Hollywood Bowl, Pacific Design Center, Beverly Hills, UCLA, the Getty, and more.

Passengers between 8 and 18 years old can receive a flight certificate, pilot logbook, an entry in the world’s largest online flight log and possibly an opportunity to fly the plane; please mention if this option is desired.

If, due to unusual circumstances, you are unable to enjoy this flight prior to the expiration you must contact the pilot to discuss alternatives.

Total weight of all passengers must be less than 450 pounds. Maximum of 3 passengers. Time and date depend on the pilot and weather. Please allow 2-3 hours’ time for this 1-hour flight.

Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: Gary Palmer, FAA Certified Flight Instructor*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$400.00**

# **Silent Auction Sections**

## **Operation Teddy Bear**

*Section 100* **Outdoors & Adventure**

*Section 200* **Entertainment**

## **Food For Kids**

*Section 300* **Indulgence**

*Section 400* **Food & Wine**

## **Impact Makers**

*Section 500* **Group Activities**

*Section 600* **Unique Experiences**

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## 100 Outdoors & Adventure

### 101 **Lions & Tigers & Bears! – Tickets to Santa Barbara Zoo and Aquarium of the Pacific with Lunches**

Spend a day or two with land and sea animals! Enjoy two tickets to the Santa Barbara Zoo and then use this Olio Cucina Inc. gift certificate (\$50) to dine at one of their three highly acclaimed restaurants in Santa Barbara: Olio e Limone, Olio Bottega, or Olio Pizzeria. On another day play in the South Bay with these two tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific and gift certificate for two adult meals and beverages at the Black Bear Diner.

*Donated by: The Santa Barbara Zoo*

*Olio Cucina Inc. – Santa Barbara*

*The Aquarium of the Pacific – Long Beach*

*Black Bear Diner – Torrance*

**Value: \$295.00**

**Opening Bid: \$180.00**

### 102 **“On The Rocks”- Rock Climbing for 4 at Sender One**

If you'd rather be climbing, take three of your friends on a rock climbing or bouldering adventure. This one-hour activity is designed for people with little or no climbing experience. Includes a class, rental gear and more climbing after the class has concluded. Package includes a chalk bag to hold your valuables while in action, two wristband water bottles, and a blanket and cooling towel to use when you rest!

*Donated by: Sender One – Los Angeles*

*The Promotions Department - Torrance*

*The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$242.00**

**Opening Bid: \$150.00**

### 103 **“Forever Summer” Four Tickets to The South Coast Botanic Garden and Picnic Items**

Spend an afternoon in the South Coast Botanic Garden enjoying the flowers and relaxing on their perfectly manicured lawns. Pack a picnic in this portable cooler bag, bring your favorite beverage in this insulated bottle and savor it in these lovely acrylic wine glasses. Lay out on this beautiful “blanket in a bag,” and use the sunscreen to safely enjoy the rays! Botanic Garden tickets expire 4/30/2025.

*Donated by: South Coast Botanic Garden – PV Peninsula*

*The Promotions Department – Torrance*

*The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$225.00**

**Opening Bid: \$150.00**



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## 104 A Hiker's Delight – Gift Certificate to Malibu Wine Hikes & Hiking Gear

Malibu Wine Hikes offers unique wine tours and hikes through the beautiful trails in Malibu. Use this gift certificate towards one of their many tour offerings – the guided wine hike tour, the 4X4 Tour adventure or the vintage VW wine bus tour! Don't leave home without a cooler backpack already equipped with a bottle of wine, a beverage mug, a waterproof blanket, and a shawl/blanket/sarong for an evening under the stars.

*Donated by: Malibu Wine Hikes  
The Promotions Department – Torrance  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$225.00**

**Opening Bid: \$150.00**

## 200 Entertainment

### 201 Theatrics – 2 Season Subscriptions to Kentwood Players

Whether a thespian by nature, or a patron at heart, you and one other will appreciate this opportunity to see live-stage theatre in Los Angeles. Since 1950, Kentwood Players has been presenting high quality entertainment in the South Bay. Enjoy two season subscriptions to Kentwood Players, performing at their home since 1961, the Westchester Playhouse.

*Donated by: Kentwood Players – Los Angeles  
Dianne & Hans Bozler*

**Value: \$190.00**

**Opening Bid: \$100.00**

### 202 Dinner & A Movie – 2 Movie Tickets to a Regal Theater and Dinner at Eddie V's

You and a guest can enjoy dinner at Eddie V's (\$100) before or after you head over to a Regal Theater to watch a movie of your choice. Don't forget to sneak in your delicious gourmet popcorn!

*Donated by: Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$150.00**

**Opening Bid: \$90.00**

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## **An Evening at the Theatre! – 2 Tickets to a Performance of your choice at Torrance Cultural Arts Center & Dinner at Stonefire Grill**

You and a guest can experience an exceptional performance *of your choice* at either the James Armstrong Theatre OR the George Nakano Theatre located at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. After your performance, enjoy dinner at the nearby Stonefire Grill (\$25). Expires 5/31/2025.

*Donated by: Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation  
Stonefire Grill – Agoura Hills*

**Value: \$125.00**

**Opening Bid: \$70.00**

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## **Skirball Member For A Day! – Admission for 4**

You and three guests will enjoy free admission to the Skirball Cultural Center. Explore diverse facets of Jewish and American life in exhibits and hands-on interactive experiences in a space designed to uplift the spirit and the community.

As a “member for a day” you will be able to explore the galleries for free, receive a free cookie per entrée at Zeidler’s café, receive 10% off all purchases at the museum store, and even save 50% on a household or family membership if you join on-site.

Advance reservations to Noah’s Ark are highly recommended on weekends or during spring break. Parking is free!

*Skirball Cultural Center – Los Angeles*

**Value: \$180.00**

**Opening Bid: \$100.00**

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## **A Contemporary Afternoon – 4 VIP Tickets to the Broad Museum & Lunch**

Score these sought-after tickets for VIP access to the Broad Museum. This VIP pass allows you to enter the museum at any time during open hours. It does not include access to the Infinity Mirrored Room. After your visit, use this American Express gift card (\$50.00) to end your day with a fabulous meal. Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: The Broad – Los Angeles  
Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$60.00**

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## **206 Beach Life – 2 Single-Day General Admission Tickets to the BeachLife Music Festival in Redondo Beach May 5, 2024**

You and a guest will experience one of California’s premier music, food, art and lifestyle festivals, right in beautiful Redondo Beach. Use these general admission tickets to enjoy the fun on **May 5, 2024**. And while we’re talking beach, you could use these “Beach Life” essentials: a themed pillow cover, beach bag, beach towels and sunscreen!

*Donated by: BeachLife – Redondo Beach  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$550.00**

**Opening Bid: \$350.00**

## **207 An Elevated Library Card – 2 Tickets to the Huntington Library and Lunch at Stonefire Grill**

Enjoy an afternoon exploring the inside and outside of this historic property. You’ll want to spend an equal amount of time between the library, the art museum, and the botanic garden. After your excursion, enjoy lunch at the nearest Stonefire Grill (\$25.00). Huntington Library tickets expire 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: The Huntington Library  
Stonefire Grill - Agoura Hills*

**Value: \$110.00**

**Opening Bid: \$70.00**

## **300 Indulgence & Home**

### **301 “The New You” – Facial, Haircut and Make-up Accessories**

Renew and hydrate your skin with a 75-minute facial. Karen O’Toole offers a lifelong solution to your skincare challenges by using the latest in skincare technology and products and provides a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. Once your face is fabulous, prepare for your haircut by Olha Hernandez. Maintain your fresh look with these makeup accessories, including this lazy Susan makeup holder. Karen O’Toole gift certificate expires 4/28/2025. Olha Hernandez’s certificate expires 10/27/24.

*Donated by: Karen O’Toole Skincare  
Olha’s Hair Design  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$330.00**

**Opening Bid: \$220.00**

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## 302 "Relax and Indulge" – Burke Williams Relaxation Package

Indulge in \$255.00 worth of Burke Williams services of your choice. And once you've made it home, put on this beautiful kimono and continue your pampering with this bottle of wine, chocolates, and caramels.

*Donated by: Lea Ann King  
Burke Williams - Torrance  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$316.00**

**Opening Bid: \$200.00**

## 303 "Natural Beauty I" – Artisan Soaps & Lotions

Enjoy this coveted basket of assorted artisan soaps and lotions. They are made of all natural ingredients and fragrances. Just like nature intended.

*Donated by: Alden Giacopuzzi of Alderin Sporthorses*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$70.00**

## 304 "Natural Beauty II" – Artisan Soaps & Lotions

Come clean with this basket of assorted artisan soaps and lotions. They are made of all natural ingredients and fragrances. Just like nature intended.

*Donated by: Alden Giacopuzzi of Alderin Sporthorses*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$70.00**

## 305 A Comfortable Way to DIY – Cozy Blanket and AR Workshop DIY Kit

Curl up with this ultra-comfortable chunky knit blanket and enjoy a day of hands-on craft making. Use this DIY kit to paint a summer-inspired plant.

*Donated by: AR Workshop – Torrance*

**Value: \$150.00**

**Opening Bid: \$80.00**

## 306 "A Family Affair" – Family Photo Session with Haus of Portraiture

Get all "dolled up" as you prepare for your one-of-a-kind formal studio portrait session, rendered as a painting in digital format and finished on a 20" canvas. Framing is excluded. Expires 10/27/24.

*Donated by: Haus of Portraiture – Santa Monica*

**Value: \$3,500.00**

**Opening Bid: \$600.00**

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## **307 Pampered From Head to Toe – Manicure/Pedicure, Chocolate and Accessories**

You deserve this! Receive a spa manicure and pedicure by South Bay nail technician Teresa Thomason. When at home, continue your pampering with these spa products: eucalyptus foot scrub for another great foot massage, magnesium bath flakes for the ultimate soak, soaps and shower steamers for an aroma-infused wash, soy candle for a relaxing atmosphere, and a hot/cold body wrap for all over comfort – neck, shoulders, back and legs!

*Donated by: Teresa Thomason, Esthetician  
The Volunteer Center  
Anonymous*

**Value: \$165.00**

**Opening Bid: \$100.00**

## **308 Organically At Your Best – Spa Gift Card, and Pamper Basket**

For those who want a luxurious but natural spa experience, enjoy this gift certificate for a signature facial from Organically Wellness Spa. Stay hydrated with this drink bottle with removable filter that allows you to infuse fruits and other flavors into your water. Stay on top of your hydration with this smart hydration reminder. Save the environment from plastic with these colorful reusable silicone straws with a straw cleaner. At the end of your organic experience, sit back and chill with this bottle of 2020 Zestos Pét Nat from Loire Valley France, and this bottle of 2020 Challis Lane Sauvignon Blanc from Chile chilled in this silicon ice bucket or stored in this “Be Bright” wine holder.

*Donated by: Organically At Your Best Wellness Spa - Torrance  
The Promotions Department – Torrance  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$290.00**

**Opening Bid: \$200.00**

## **309 “Only The Best for Your Pet” – One Month BarkBox Subscription and Dog Accessories**

Blow your dog’s mind with this one-month subscription to BarkBox which includes two original plush toys, two bags of healthy treats and a new theme each month. Keep your pet happily occupied throughout the month with this basket filled with pet accessories and goodies.

*Donated by: BarkBox – barkbox.com  
Heather Goyan*

**Value: \$145.00**

**Opening Bid: \$90.00**

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## 310 Father's Day – Manly Gifts & Accessories

With Father's Day just around the corner, why not gift dad with this basket full of manly essentials: A gift certificate to Good Stuff (\$40) and a Good Stuff cap, a bottle of 96 points Aperture 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon from the famed winemaker Jesse Katz; three Davidoff Cigars: Nicaragua 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Anniversario Special T and Anniversario Special R; Polo pajama pants (XL), and a Ferragamo mini fragrance kit.

*Donated by: Good Stuff  
Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$320.00**

**Opening Bid: \$250.00**

## 311 May the Force be With You – Star Wars Collectibles and Accessories

If you or someone you know is a Star Wars fan without this Star Wars purse, backpack, blanket, and BB-8 App-Enabled droid, now is your chance to own these collectibles!

*Donated by: The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$152.00**

**Opening Bid: \$90.00**

## 312 Wakanda Forever – Black Panther Accessories

Represent Wakanda and the Black Panther with these Black Panther collectibles: two caps, a purse, and a blanket!

*Donated by: The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$123.00**

**Opening Bid: \$80.00**

## 313 From Our House to Yours – House of Representatives Ornamental Plate

Own this pewter ornamental plate engraved with the House of Representatives, hand made by Wendell August.

*Donated by: Congressman Ted Lieu  
Torrance School Board Member Betty Lieu*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$80.00**

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## 400 Food & Wine

### 401 "The Board Baker" – Homemade Desserts by Our Own Jean Adelsman

Go home with this batch of Volunteer Center Board Member Jean Adelsman's homemade fudgy Keepsake Brownies. Then, at a mutually agreed upon time, she will make you two more desserts: Jolene Worthington's chocolate cheesecake AND a lemon poundcake to rival Mrs. Beasley's. Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: Jean Adelsman*

**Value: \$200.00**

**Opening Bid: \$120.00**

### 402 The Wine Shoppe Experience – Wine Tasting for Four and 2 Curated Wines

The Wine Shoppe in Torrance is heralded for their selections of boutique wines from the best regions across the globe. Enjoy a wine tasting for four at the Wine Shoppe, this lovely wine tote, and two wines curated for wine club members by Michael and Marla, Wine Shoppe owners. Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: The Wine Shoppe – Torrance  
Brenda & Vernon Williams*

**Value: \$170.00**

**Opening Bid: \$100.00**

### 403 "Wine & Dine" – Wine Tasting Party for 12 At Your Home and Accessories

This package is made for the wine connoisseur! You and 11 guests will taste wines from distinct parts of the world that you may not find through other outlets. This wine sampling is a wonderful way to understand unique wines and have fun in the process. Many of the wines are produced in limited quantities and may not be available every year! Package includes: a Premium Wine Sampling for up to 12 people, 8 bottles of wine, 90-minute session with a personal Wine Consultant, and these accessories to accentuate your event: Charcuterie platter with dome, 12 individual wine charms, a wine opener, hand blown crystal stemless wine glasses, and kitchen towels. Tasting valid within 90 minutes of the Orange County PRP Wine location. Expires July 23, 2024.

*Donated by: PRP Wine International  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$360.00**

**Opening Bid: \$250.00**

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## 404 A Culinary Experience at The Rex Steakhouse

Indulge in the ultimate steakhouse experience in the South Bay! You and a guest can use this \$200 gift card to immerse yourselves in an utterly amazing epicurean experience. "The Rex" is rightfully named after a luxury gambling ship during the prohibition era in the late 1930s. Holding true to tradition, their steaks, seafood, wine pairings, and signature cocktails will far exceed your expectations. The newly built restaurant incorporates elements of luxury, showcasing an artistry of colors, fixtures, and textiles to create a sleek yet modern design concept. Executive Chef Walter Nunez has cultivated a group of incredibly talented individuals that promise to deliver unparalleled service to showcase their savory cuisine.

*Donated by: The Rex Steakhouse – Redondo Beach*

**Value: \$200.00**

**Opening Bid: \$120.00**

## 405 Raisin' Caine – Restaurant Gift Cards and Accessories

If you've never had Raisin' Caine's chicken tenders, you are in for a treat! Located in Torrance, they serve only the highest quality craveable chicken finger meals. It's their ONE LOVE. Their crew makes it happen, their culture makes it unique, and the community makes it all worthwhile. Enjoy these gift cards for adult and kids' meals and drinks. Become a fan with these accessories from the restaurant, including two XL logo tee-shirts, cups, magnets, and logo beads!

*Donated by: Raisin Caine Chicken Tenders – Torrance*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$60.00**

## 406 A Taste of Italy – Italian Gift Basket from Giuliano's of Torrance

Mama Mia! Use this gift card to have a fabulous meal at Giuliano's (\$25) and then enjoy re-creating an authentic Italian meal at home with these authentic Italian ingredients curated by the restaurant!

*Donated by: Giuliano's of Torrance*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$60.00**



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## 500 Group Activities

### 501 Watch The Birdie – Private Birding Experience for 9 with Bob Shanman

You and eight friends can experience the joys of birding as the past owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Bob Shanman, conducts a private session for a maximum of 9 people. Select a day/time and location that is mutually convenient, and Bob will lead you on easy trails in search of flashes of color, the trill of bird songs, and the antics of other critters that make SoCal their home. Look like a pro with your shade hat and hummingbird cap, birding binoculars, and two bird reference guides!

*Donated by: Bob Shanman, Former owner of Wild Birds Unltd.  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$438.00**

**Opening Bid: \$220.00**

### 502 Smog Day Afternoon – Beer Tasting for 4 at Smog City Brewing Co.

Go behind the scenes at one of LA's best breweries as you and three friends receive an in-depth tour of Smog City Brewing Co.'s brewing facilities followed by a guided tasting of fresh Smog City beer. Learn all about how beer is made, the history behind different beer styles and what Smog City is all about. Savor the memory with your stainless-steel pint cups, sweatshirt, and Smog City's logo glass. Use this gift certificate for bar bites at Smog City! Tasting participants must be 21 or older with valid ID.

*Donated by: Smog City Brewing Co. – Torrance  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$400.00**

**Opening Bid: \$250.00**

### 503 A "Marvel-ous" Day – 2 Tickets to Universal Studios Hollywood and Accessories

You and a friend will have a fabulous day of adventure with these two general admission tickets to Universal Studios Hollywood. You'll both stay hydrated and safe from the sun with matching water bottles and sunscreen. Remember the good times with this Marvel tee-shirt (L) and Universal Studios themed clapper.

*Donated by: Universal Studios, Hollywood  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$278.00**

**Opening Bid: \$180.00**

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## 504 "Anchors Aweigh" – 4 Tickets to the USS IOWA Museum

You and three friends can channel your inner sailor as you take a tour of the USS IOWA battleship. The battleship USS Iowa served our country proudly in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. Today, the historic U.S. Navy ship is an iconic Los Angeles landmark and considered one of the region's best outdoor museums for families and visitors of all ages. Expires 2/25/2025.

*Donated by: Pacific Battleship Center | National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA*

**Value: \$104.00**

**Opening Bid: \$60.00**

## 505 Game Day! – Board Games Variety Package

Have fun with your favorite group as you play one – or all – of four board games: the rare Monopoly Palos Verdes Special Edition, Element, Ukotoa, and Unicorn Fever.

*Donated by: The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$225.00**

**Opening Bid: \$120.00**

## 506 Come Play Amongst The Stars! – Admission for 2 to the Hollywood Wax Museum

The world-famous Hollywood Wax Museum is the most visited attraction on Hollywood Boulevard and has been since 1965. If you enjoy the occasional Hollywood star sighting, why not get more than a glimpse? Here, you'll be part of "the scene." Hobnob at an A-list Hollywood party, sing alongside a pop diva, even marry a star! The fun sets with props will have you guffawing and give you the chance to impress your friends with your stunning pics. Take a bit of wax home with this Luminous tuberose scented candle.

*Donated by: Hollywood Wax Museum  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$90.00**

**Opening Bid: \$50.00**

## 507 Now That's A Party – Beer Tapping Party for 6 at Red Car Brewery

You and five friends will enjoy 3 pitchers of hand-crafted Red Car Ales (equals 12 pints) along with their most popular appetizers at the Red Car Brewery. Remember your evening with this Red Car Brewery swag including tee shirts, pint glasses and a bottle of J. Lohr Chardonnay. Good any day except Friday evenings. Advance reservation required. All food must be consumed during the tapping party. Expires 9/30/2024.

*Donated by: Red Car Brewery – Torrance*

**Value: \$300.00**

**Opening Bid: \$160.00**

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## 508 Burnin Daylight Brewery Swag Basket!

This brewery basket was specially curated by Burnin' Daylight Brewing Company. Enjoy this basket of logoed accessories.

*Donated by: Burnin Daylight Brewing Company – Lomita*

**Value: \$100.00**

**Opening Bid: \$60.00**

## 600 Unique Experiences

### 601 "The Board Baker II" – Baking Lessons with Jean Adelsman

Go home with this batch of Volunteer Center Board Member Jean Adelsman's homemade fudgy Keepsake Brownies. Then at a mutually agreed upon time, you will go to her kitchen to learn to make a lemony poundcake and a chocolate cheesecake that would make Cheesecake Factory envious. You will go home with the desserts that you learned to make along with their recipes.

*Donated by: Jean Adelsman*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$200.00**

### 602 "Start From Scratch" – Cooking Class for 2 with Chef Shafer of the Depot Restaurant

You and your guest will experience a cooking class led by one of the best - Michael Shafer, Chef and owner of the Depot Restaurant in Torrance and longtime Volunteer Center Supporter. Test out your skills at home with these kitchen utensil and silicon oven mitts.

*Donated by: Chef Michael Shafer @ The Depot – Torrance  
The Volunteer Center*

**Value: \$260.00**

**Opening Bid: \$180.00**

### 603 Learning to Play – Violin Lessons with Laurie Driskill

No matter your level, you will enjoy learning to play violin with Laurie Driskill, who has been teaching and performing violin for over 40 years in the Los Angeles area and abroad. You will receive two one-hour private violin lessons in Laurie's home. A graduate from the Thornton School of Music at USC, she holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in Violin Performance. With pedagogy training, including the Suzuki method, Ms. Driskill teaches all levels of violin and viola, and is a member of the Music Teacher's Association of Southern California. Expires 4/27/2025.

*Donated by: Laurie Driskill*

**Value: \$125.00**

**Opening Bid: \$80.00**

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## 604 Sign & Buy – Volunteer Center Holiday Luncheon for 25 Guests on 12/5/24

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 12 pm to 3 pm, join us for an elegant holiday experience at the home of Brenda Williams that is sure to be festive! For \$125.00 per person, 25 guests will enjoy an intimate celebration of the season filled with all the accoutrements of the holiday. You will receive your fill of food and wine, as well as the Holiday spirit as you enjoy a performance by the Pennyroyals Choral!

*Donated by: Brenda & Vernon Williams  
The Pennyroyals*

**Value: Priceless**

**\$125 per person**

## 605 Authentic Angels Baseball Autographed Photo

Own this collectible authentic autographed photo of Angels Baseball's Brandon Drury.

*Donated by: Angels Baseball*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$70.00**

## 606 A Seat At the Table – Dinner with Congressman Ted Lieu & Torrance School Board Member Betty Lieu

Dine with those who can make a difference! You and three friends will have dinner with the Lieus at a local restaurant on a mutually agreed upon date and time.

*Donated by: Congressman Ted Lieu  
Torrance School Board Member Betty Lieu*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$300.00**

## 607 FYE: FBI – Official FBI Merchandise

For your entertainment – look official as you wear and own FBI merchandise that is not available to the public! Enjoy this long sleeved Merrit Eco Knit full zip jacket with official FBI seal, FBI logoed cap, and a 2024 FBI collectible Christmas ornament.

*Donated by: Congressman Ted Lieu  
Torrance School Board Member Betty Lieu*

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$140.00**

## Heart to Heart Gala 52 Card Draw

# 52 Card Draw Opportunity Drawing

- ✓ **Purchase a playing card for \$50.00**
- ✓ **Hold on to your card until after the Program**
- ✓ **Following the live auction, all 52 cards will be drawn**
- ✓ **The last card called will win:**

### **2 Nights Stay at the InterContinental in San Francisco with Dinner**

The Winner will receive a two-night weekend stay in a Premier View Room at the beautiful InterContinental San Francisco and \$100.00 credit at Luce' Restaurant.

Situated next to the magnificent Moscone Convention Center and a short stroll away from the city's financial, entertainment, and shopping districts, InterContinental San Francisco offers guests convenient access to public transit and an array of historic treasures, museums, and nightlife.

Indulge in innovative New American fare at their critically acclaimed restaurant, Luce, featuring an imaginative and award-winning wine list.

This is your opportunity to visit the many museums that are within the vicinity of the hotel such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the San Francisco Cable Car Museum.

Based upon availability. Gratuity/taxes/parking excluded.

Travel must be completed by April 27, 2025.

***Retail Value: \$1,080.00***

***Donated by: Continental Development***